

# FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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*You Are Invited*

**A Conference Call for Organizations Interested in the  
Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals Program**

***Wednesday, May 16th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT***

On **Wednesday, May 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, the Administration for Children and Families' Office of Community Services will host a conference call to provide an overview of the Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) program and review the program funding announcement, application requirements, procedures and timelines. Listen in and start planning to submit an application for funding by **June 20, 2007**.

Register for the call at <http://www.dsgonline.com/conferenceregjoli0516.asp> or contact Sara Cohen at [ocs@dsgonline.com](mailto:ocs@dsgonline.com) or 301-951-0056.

Review the program announcement at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EO-0054.html>

When they receive your registration, the accompanying PowerPoint will be sent to you with your confirmation.

If you are unable to participate in the call, a recording of it will be available for download at the JOLI Web site <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/dcdp/joli/index.html> shortly following the conclusion of the call on May 16th.

**Do you want to make a  
difference in your community?**

**Don't know where to start?**

**Do you want to find a volunteer  
center near you?**

Go to [www.Volunteer.IN.gov](http://www.Volunteer.IN.gov) to find the best  
volunteer opportunity for you. You can also  
learn more about: Disaster Preparedness,  
National Service, Volunteer Management, and  
Volunteer Awards.



**[www.Volunteer.IN.gov](http://www.Volunteer.IN.gov)**



### Volunteering Produces Health Benefits

A new study by The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) called "The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research" has found a significant connection between volunteering and good health. This recent report shows that volunteers have greater longevity, higher functional ability, lower rates of depression and less incidence of heart disease. To learn more, visit [http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases\\_detail.asp?tbl\\_pr\\_id=687](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=687)

### Clearinghouse on Expanding and Sustaining Youth Programs and Policies Launched

The Finance Project and The Forum for Youth Investment are excited to announce the launch of a major new information source "The Clearinghouse on Expanding and Sustaining Youth Programs and Policies." Containing nearly 400 resources and expanding daily, the Clearinghouse is an online searchable database to help leaders make smart decisions and sound policies to improve the lives of children, families, and communities. To learn more, visit

[http://forumfyi.org/catdisp\\_page.cfm?LID=8544E0E1-5B79-4415-BFD1F498FD4330AB](http://forumfyi.org/catdisp_page.cfm?LID=8544E0E1-5B79-4415-BFD1F498FD4330AB)



### Upcoming Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned meats and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice on **Saturday, May 12** to help families in need in our community. You can help by placing your food donation at your mailbox on May 12 before your letter carrier arrives. It will be taken to the Post Office and then delivered to local food banks or pantries. Please do not include items that have expired or those in glass containers.

### Grant Opportunity

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2007 Targeted Capacity Expansion grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance the community's ability to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and community-based response to a targeted, well-documented substance abuse treatment capacity problem and/or improve the quality and intensity of services. The application deadline is **May 25, 2007** and the grant range is \$500,000.



For more information, visit [http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/TI\\_07\\_008.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2007/TI_07_008.aspx)



### Indianapolis Bike to Work Day Celebration: May 18th

Monument Circle will be filled with a sea of bicyclists on Friday, May 18th, as area bicyclists celebrate Indianapolis Bike to Work Day. All bicyclists are welcome to join the hundreds of bicyclists as they enjoy a great morning filled with comradery, food and activities. Tips for bicycling commuting and route maps for this special event are available on Central Indiana Bicycling Association's website ([www.cibaride.org](http://www.cibaride.org)). You may also get more information by contacting the event coordinator, Connie Szabo Schmucker at 317-777-9630 or via email, [BikeVisionary@comcast.net](mailto:BikeVisionary@comcast.net)



## DRUG PREVENTION PLANNING GRANTS AWARDED



INDIANAPOLIS (May 4, 2007) – Twelve community agencies in eleven counties will each receive a \$165,000 grant from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration for drug prevention planning. The grants are part of a federally funded statewide initiative to improve drug prevention by focusing on evidence-based, data-driven and outcome measured programs.

Announcing the grants, Mitch Roob, Secretary of FSSA, commented, "One of the critical elements of our Mental Health Transformation Plan is to establish measurable performance criteria for programs and providers. The planning process funded by the drug prevention grant is a model that we will apply to all prevention programming. Mental health and substance abuse funding must support effective programs for our clients."

Over the past year, the FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) has conducted a statewide review of drug abuse and addiction. A working group of professionals, advocates and DMHA staff chaired by Dr. Eric Wright from IUPUI analyzed extensive amounts of data to establish priorities for local prevention programs. Based on the data, the group recommended the following priorities to be funded.

- Prevent and reduce underage drinking and binge drinking among 18 to 25 year olds
- Prevent the first use and reduce the use of cocaine among 18 to 25 year olds
- Prevent and reduce the use of methamphetamine among black youth and among white women and men ages 18 to 44 years old

Community agencies and organizations were invited to apply for a planning grant to address one or more of these issues in their counties. DMHA received 25 applications and selected the following:

<u>Community Agency</u>	<u>Priority</u>
Partnership for a Drug Free Wayne County	Cocaine
Delaware County Coordinating Council	Alcohol
Vigo County LCC	Alcohol
Monroe County Asset Building Coalition	Alcohol
Drug Free Marion County	Alcohol
Davies-Greene Methamphetamine Alliance	Methamphetamine
Porter-Starke Services, Inc.	Alcohol
Geminus of Lake County	Cocaine
Healthy Communities Initiative of St. Joseph County	Cocaine
Drug and Alcohol Consortium of Allen County	Alcohol
Lake County Drug Free Alliance	Alcohol
Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Tippecanoe County	Alcohol

In the first phase of the project, the community agency will draft a strategic plan based on an analysis of local needs and the strength of local prevention resources. Upon the state's approval of the community's strategic plan, the communities will be eligible for additional funding to implement the plan and evaluate the outcomes.

# GETTING THINGS DONE FOR INDIANA



Since 1994, more than 7,728 Hoosiers have served as AmeriCorps members, as have 500,000 men and women across the U.S. Through their service, they've helped thousands of local nonprofits tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, restore the environment, and supervise community volunteers.

AmeriCorps Week, May 13-20, is a time to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact in our state. It's also time for AmeriCorps to thank the state and local partners who make AmeriCorps possible.

Be a part of AmeriCorps Week, May 13-20.



Visit **[www.AmeriCorps.gov](http://www.AmeriCorps.gov)** for details on activities in your community.